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no matter how much my kids or others try to cajole me to get on and that's a roller coaster. And in some respects it's going to be difficult to convince me to get on this ride on LB 881, because probably some would say I've been here too long and we've been there and we've done that, and it wasn't very successful, in my opinion. And I'm speaking about LB 84 which was passed in 1989, the first year that I was in the Legislature, and I don't have all the details of that bill but the fiscal note, which was drawn in May of that year, May 8th, as a matter of fact, said that what it would basically do would be to give a \$5,400 valuation exemption. And, in essence, what that meant was about an 8.5 percent exemption, or a hundred...about \$148 for 121,000 homeowners across the state. And the key point about that bill was that it was for one year only, and what happened was we did it, I didn't vote for it but we did it, and several years later the Legislature was back in session deciding where to cut in the budget because we couldn't sustain it. There was no way we could sustain that particular exemption. So you're going to have to convince me to do this. As we look at LB 881, I guess I do have the most problem with year two because I do think that it isn't going to be sustainable and I'm not sure that people will grow to appreciate the exemption. If you will look at the yellow sheet that I handed out, and this may be something that Senator Crosby was referring to, I don't know, talks about potential future demands on state funds, and these are just preliminary figures only. They are not necessarily dyed-in-the-wool absolutes, but a potential for \$90 million low-level radioactive waste; potential \$50 million for Kansas water lawsuit; \$18 million for ETV digitalization conversion; \$25 million for the accounting system for the state; \$26 million for the security unit at the regional center; \$10 million, give or take a few million, depending on what happens with the vetoes and the overrides...\$10 million for the Kearney, Geneva Youth Confinement. Just those items alone, and this is not an exhaustive list, is about \$219 million. There's also, I understand, some unknown potential cost for implementation of Senator Tyson's wireless communication bill. There was also a report to the Transportation Committee the other day talking about some of the needs that we have at railroad crossings across the state because we now have triple tracks on the Union Pacific line, we have double tracks on the Burlington Northern line, and the traffic is getting heavier